

Additional Benefits for Commissioning Programs

Montgomery GI Bill Kicker: A \$350 monthly rate is available for soldiers enrolled in State or federal Officer Candidate School or the ROTC Simultaneous Membership Program. Eligible soldiers must enlist or extend to have not less than a six year obligation from the day they sign the Kicker contract. Payment rates are based on enrollment in VA-approved education and training programs. The Kicker must be collected in conjunction with a basic GI Bill benefit, such as the Selected Reserve - Chapter 1606 or Active Duty - Chapter 30 benefit.

ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance: Provides up to \$250 per semester hour to soldiers pursuing a college degree, or a vocational, technical or trade school course, program or license at an accredited institution of higher learning. FTA may also fund 100% of authorized fees. The maximum annual cap per soldier is \$4,500. Soldiers can use the 100% Tuition Waiver program and FTA for fees for the same course or program.

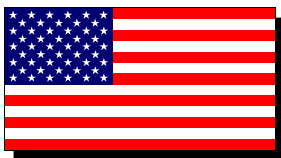
100% Tuition Waiver: Waives the cost of tuition for State-supported courses or programs offered at 28 Massachusetts State colleges, universities, and community colleges; up to 130 semester hours.

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Lead the Guard into the Future!

Commissioning Program Options:

- State OCS
- Accelerated OCS
- ROTC Simultaneous Membership
- Prior / Non-Prior Service OCS Enlistment
- Inactive Ready Reserve Officers
- Active & Reserve Officer Transfers
- Direct Commissioning
- Early Release Program

Find the program that's right for YOU!



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Massachusetts Army National Guard

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It stands for Strength, Courage and Leadership

Are you up for the Challenge?



Officer Commissioning Programs



Now more than ever, America is counting on its present and future leaders to help protect and secure our nation. Your community needs you. Make a difference. Take the next step!

Officer Candidate School

State OCS: The State OCS program has three phases: an initial two-week phase, one year of drill weekends, and a final two-week Annual Training period. The school runs over an 18-month period beginning in March each year. Training is conducted right here in Massachusetts at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod.

Accelerated OCS: National Guard Bureau conducts an accelerated OCS program for qualified personnel identified by the State Officer Strength Manager. The course is conducted over a two-month period beginning in January and June.

Minimum Requirements to Enter OCS:

- ☐ Be a U.S. citizen upon commissioning
- ☐ Minimum of 60 college semester hours
- ☐ Be between 18 and 39 years of age
- ☐ Minimum ASVAB GT score of 110

NOTE: Each new officer must attend an Officer Basic Course in the branch to which they are assigned within 18 months of commissioning. A one-year extension may be granted.

R.O.T.C. Programs

A Tradition of Excellence!

Founded in 1916, the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) has produced more than a half million lieutenants. It is a great avenue for those seeking to serve as officers in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Simultaneous Membership Program:

As a contracted junior and senior, you serve in both ROTC and your Army National Guard unit at the rank of cadet; pay grade E-5. Military science courses become part of your college curriculum. ROTC pays a stipend of \$350 per month for juniors and \$400 per month for seniors. This stipend is collected in addition to drill pay.

Two-year Scholarships are Available!

The Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship Program awards full two-year scholarships worth between \$17,000 and \$28,000 per year, plus \$600 annually for school books.

To compete, you must be:

- ☐ A member of the Mass. Army National Guard
- ☐ Enrolled in the ROTC SMP program
- ☐ Contracted as a MS III or MS IV cadet

ROTC Programs are available through a network of public and private Massachusetts colleges and universities. Call us for details!

Other Options

Prior / Non-Prior Service OCS Enlistment: Available to individuals with or without prior military service that have 60 semester hours from an accredited college or university and want to become officers in the Mass. Army National Guard.

Inactive Ready Reserve Officers: Officers currently in the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) that want to return to military service will find many rewarding leadership opportunities in the Mass. Army National Guard.

Active & Reserve Officer Transfers: Officers nearing completion of their Active Duty service obligation may qualify to transfer directly into the Mass. Army National Guard.

Direct Commission: The intent of this program is to offer an alternate commissioning source to exceptionally qualified individuals. An individual cannot request a Direct Commission. Rather, he or she must be nominated and selected for consideration by their chain of command.

Early Release Program: Active Duty officers within two years of the end of their tour may apply for the Army National Guard Combat Reform Initiative to fulfill their military service obligation as an Army National Guard officer.

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